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LETTER OF DEFICIENCY# WSEB 02-06
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Subject: Northwood - Public Water System: Saint Joseph's Church (EPA # 1799040)

Dear Mr. Harrington:

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that the Saint Joseph's church water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system supplying 15 or more services, or 25 or more people, for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system owner is required to submit bacteria and chemical samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for coliform bacteria and nitrate analysis in compliance with NH Admin. Rules Env-Ws 325 and Env-Ws 326.

DES records show that the subject water system failed to submit bacteria samples and as a result Monitoring/Reporting (M/R) violations were issued for the following months:

June 2001 and December 2001

In view of the Monitoring/Reporting violations, DES believes the deficiencies can be corrected by taking the following actions:

- By February 19, 2002**, submit a water sample for bacteria analysis to the state laboratory, or a state-certified laboratory, in accordance with NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 325; and
2. In the future, submit routine water samples for bacteria analysis during the water system's scheduled sampling months of **June and December**.

Pursuant to Env-Ws 351, owners of public water systems are required to issue public notification when a system has failed to monitor for bacteriological water quality. DES records show that the water system failed to do public notification for the monitoring/reporting violation for the following month:

June 2001

In view of the public notice violations, DES believes the deficiencies can be corrected by taking the

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following actions:

1. By February 19, 2002, carry out public notice requirements for the violations listed above; and
2. By March 1, 2002, provide proof of public notice to DES.

In addition, DES records show that the subject water system failed to submit the following chemical sample results:

**Quarter 2 - 2001
Nitrate**

DES believes the deficiency can be addressed and future violations prevented by taking the following actions:

- By February 19, 2002, submit a nitrate and nitrite sample analysis to the state laboratory, or a state-certified laboratory, in accordance with NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 326;
2. By February 19, 2002, comply with the provisions of NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 351 which requires that notice of the failure to submit samples be given to each consumer, as specified on the enclosed form; and
3. By March 1, 2002, provide proof of public notice, as specified on the enclosed form.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further enforcement action, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

Please contact Linda Magoon by phone at (603) 271-0672 or by e-mail at lmagoon@des.state.nh.us, if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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